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which side do I come down on? As Patton used to say, you'll just have to wait...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and see; although he didn't say it as poetically or as decently as the language that I used. I'm going to watch the way the vote goes on this amendment. I intend to vote for it. That's all I think I better say. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President. Members, I don't believe that this makes the Legislature act as if they are the city council. We have tying agreements or arrangements all the time. The federal government says that if you want highway monies, you have to adopt some form of a seat belt law. The federal government says that if you want highway monies, you have to adopt a .08, which we did this year. The government says that if you want highway money, you have to enact a certain speed limit. They're saying that, in order for you to get this money, here's what we want you to do, and we generally do it. We pay for day care for poor parents, but we require that the day care meets a certain level; that's a tie-in thing. The state government says, we'll pay for it, but it has to be quality day care, and we do that. I don't see this at all as acting as if we are Omaha's city council. I think what we're simply doing is that we're saying in order for the city to access the funds or the tax provided for by LB 657, that they have to maintain their commitments to provide separated sewers to the people in the poorest part of the city, that's all there is to it. I respectfully disagree with Senator Wickersham. All it's saying is that in order to do this, in order to access this money you have to do the responsible thing, the right thing, and that's what we're doing. And Senator Wickersham talked about sewer assessments and I want to point out that sewer assessments can only go to pay for sewers, they cannot go to pay for riverfront development or other things of that nature. So again, this is...this is not acting as if we're a super city council for the city of Omaha, it's simply compelling the city